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SUBJECT:TRAVEL GERARDO ARCANO TO U.S.

1. DEPT OF JUSTICE HAS REQUESTED THAT ITS VERY DEEP APPRECIATION BE COMMUNICATED TO EMBASSY FOR ITS HANDLING OF ARCANO MATTER. DEPT JOINS IN COMMENDING EMBASSY ON ITS EFFECTIVE EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE GOI COOPERATION IN THIS IMPORTANT NARCOTICS PROSECUTION. ARCANO HAD INDICATED TO ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY PETER SCHLAM HIS WILLINGNESS TO TESTIFY AND ALL USG ACTIONS WERE PREDICATED ON THAT ASSUMPTION. IT IS APPARENT ARCANO DEVELOPED SECOND THOUGHTS CONCERNING HIS APPEARANCE IN U.S. TO GIVE TESTIMONY IN THE ROSSI CASE AND THIS OF COURSE FRUSTRATED THE MATTER.

2. EMBASSY MAY WISH OFFICIALLY TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION OF USG FOR EXPEDITIOUS COOPERATION OF GOI AND NOTE THAT USG CAN APPRECIATE OBVIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS IMPLICIT IN GOI'S ACTION IN ULTIMATELY DENYING U.S. REQUEST FOR COMPULSIVE DELIVERY OF SUBJECT WITNESS. CONCERNED USG AGENCIES UNDERSTAND AND FULLY APPRECIATE GOI POSITION.

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